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TO THE  
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Special Agent in Charge  
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Greetings to all Iris and Hemerocallis lovers:

Several years ago I conceived the idea that a lot of people would raise iris from seeds if they only knew where to get seeds that were worth while. I advertised the idea and was flooded with requests for my folder. Every year since I have made many crosses using only the best parents available. I have sold seed in nearly every state, and Canada. I have shipped seed to Australia and South Africa. Reports from customers are very encouraging. Some have reported unusual breaks especially in the pinks. Why not? Nature has no secrets. You are just as likely to get a break as anybody else. You will also get a lot of just medium grade. That's Mendelism.

If you like to experiment and gamble a little, why not try your luck this year by purchasing a package of seed.

Hemerocallis, or day lillies, are coming to the front in gardens by leaps and bounds.

This wonderful flower blooms when the garden is usually devoid of bloom, in July and August. They may be had now in many colors, forms and heights. They may be had in red (many shades), orange, yellow, pink, rose, two tone, eyed varieties and so on. If you have not tried raising them from seed, you have a surprise and a treat waiting for you. They are very easy to raise, usually blooming the second year after planting seed, if given good care. Why not try raising some from seed?

IRIS SEED

This season I am furnishing only one class of seed--- the best to be had. The price asked is very low for quality seed. I am using only the very finest parents in my crosses. For pinks I use Cloud Cap, Cherie, Pink Cameo, Twilight Sky, Pink Sensation, Hit Parade, and many others of this class. I use some of my own pink seedlings that are outstanding. Some of my crosses are back-crosses with the yellow. This will give about half yellow and half pink. The seed from these crosses have produced wonderful results. Special crosses cannot be made as I do not have time to do them.

25 Seeds, assorted----- \$2.00

If you want seed from crosses for yellows, whites, blues, blends, etc., then order these colors. I can usually supply mixed seeds from excellent crosses. In these crosses I use only the latest and best breeders, such as Blue Rhythm, Great Lakes, Ola Kala, Midwest Gem, Matula, Rocket, Sylvia Murray, Pierre Menard, Voodoo, Lynn Langford, The Capitol, Katherine Fay, Lady Boscawen, and others of this class.

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Why not try raising some from seed? Blooming the second year after planting seed, it gives good ones. They are very easy to raise, usually more within the year. You have a cuttings and a better not believe them true seed, you have a cuttings and a yellow, pink nose, two colors, good varieties and so on. It was found that many of them may be put in seed (many others), orange, of bloom, in July and August. They may be had now in many colors. With wonderful flower blossoms and the garden is really beautiful.

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Seeds will be blue mixed, white mixed, yellows mixed, all blends will be placed together etc., so order the color you wish.

25 seeds----- \$2.00

Seeds from the finest Siberian Iris obtainable. Whites, light blues, dark blues,

Per package, 100 seeds----- \$1.00

#### HEMEROCALLIS

I am furnishing seed from the finest plants obtainable, every one a good breeder. Here are some to name only a few; Painted Lady, Hyperion, Dolly Varden, Maid Marian, Mongol, Potentate, Pink Charm, Laurel, Piquante, Orange Beauty, Persian Princess, Tejas, Port, Lemona, etc.

These crosses are scientifically made and will give splendid results. Customer's reports are very fine, and several have gotten unusual breaks in colors.

50 seeds, mixed colors----- \$2.00

#### PLANTING SEEDS

Iris seed should be given the cold treatment if you live in the South or West. Place seeds in cold compartment of refrigerator in a closed jar for three weeks or more, then plant one inch deep in good soil. Keep soil moist if possible (but not too wet) until seeds germinate.

In the North, plant seeds just before freezing weather sets in. Seeds will usually germinate in late April. Sometimes the seed will lie dormant and not germinate until the second spring. Just have patience.

Set out the small seedlings (six inches) in rows so you can cultivate them, eight inches apart.

Hemerocallis seed should be planted soon after gathering. I plant mine in early September and they come up in ten days. The small plants may be given a mulch for protection. Set out in rows in spring ten inches apart. If you wait until spring to plant the seed, germination will not be as good.

#### SEEDLINGS

Iris I have many very good seedlings, especially in the pinks, light blues, dark blues, yellow, and blends. These are not Dykes Medal winners, but are as good or better than many that are on the market. They make splendid breeders. On some I can furnish parentage, on others I cannot. All of them will make splendid iris for your garden. I sell only my very best seedlings.

Price per rhizome----- \$2.00

These are usually shipped in July and August.





Hemerocallis I have several outstanding seedlings in light yellow, medium yellow, dark yellow, red, and blends that I can spare. Height ranges from thirty inches to five feet. All are well branched. You will like these seedlings.

Price per plant----- \$2.00

This year I have enough plants to offer some for sale. I am not selling the regularly introduced iris as I sold my iris interests to Mr. Jack Greer, Ozark, Arkansas, who issues a catalog. Write to him for a bargain.

#### INTRODUCED HEMEROCALLIS

I can furnish nice large plants of the following kinds at the price quoted. These should be ordered early. Shipment is made about September first. I have many others that I can spare only a few plants, all new ones. Please write if you are interested.

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|--------------------------------|--------|
| Amulet, coral-                 | \$1.00 |
| Autumn Prince, yellow-         | 1.00   |
| Autumn Red, red-               | .75    |
| August Pioneer, orange-        | .50    |
| August Orange, orange-         | 1.00   |
| Bess Vestal, red-              | 2.50   |
| Bagdad, brown, red-            | .50    |
| Boutonniere, small yellow-     | .50    |
| Baronet, brick red-            | .50    |
| Brick Rose, light rose-        | .50    |
| Brunette, early brown-         | 1.00   |
| Black Falcon, dark red-        | 1.50   |
| Bicolor, red-yellow-           | .50    |
| Burgundy, wine-                | 1.00   |
| Canari, light yellow-          | 1.00   |
| Circe, small yellow-           | .50    |
| Constance, yellow bicolor-     | 2.00   |
| Coral Bells, small flower-     | 1.00   |
| Copper Colonel, copper yellow- | 3.00   |
| Chloe, yellow flecked sepia-   | 1.50   |
| Dawn Play, rose-               | 1.00   |
| Delicacy, small yellow-        | 1.00   |
| Dorothy McDade, yellow-        | 1.00   |
| Dolly Varden, coral rose-      | 1.00   |
| Eric Junior, red-              | 2.00   |
| Festival, bicolor-             | 1.00   |
| Fulva Rosea, pink-             | 1.00   |
| Gaiety, large light yellow-    | 1.00   |
| Gala, red-                     | 2.00   |
| George Yeld, apricot yellow-   | .50    |
| Golden West, yellow-           | 2.00   |
| Gypsy, orange-                 | .50    |
| Hankow, large orange-          | 1.00   |
| Highland Chieftan, wine-       | 1.00   |





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| Honey Redhead, red - - - - -           | \$1.00 |
| Hyperion, big yellow - - - - -         | .75    |
| Jean, red-orange, bicolor- - - - -     | 1.00   |
| Judge Orr, early yellow- - - - -       | .75    |
| Lemon Lustre, light yellow - - - - -   | 2.00   |
| Marcus, deep yellow- - - - -           | .75    |
| Mongol, huge yellow- - - - -           | 1.50   |
| Martha Russell, red- - - - -           | 1.00   |
| Miss Houston, pink - - - - -           | 2.50   |
| Mikado, orange, purple eye - - - - -   | .75    |
| Midwest Cavalier, yellow - - - - -     | 1.00   |
| Mary Guenther, yellow bicolor- - - - - | .75    |
| Multiflora, small yellow - - - - -     | .75    |
| Mywaka, dark red - - - - -             | 1.00   |
| Mrs. John J. Tigert, red - - - - -     | 1.00   |
| Mrs W. H. Wyman, yellow- - - - -       | .50    |
| Mission Bells, yellow- - - - -         | 3.00   |
| Moonray, pale yellow - - - - -         | .50    |
| Nebraska, buff yellow- - - - -         | .50    |
| Ophir, large yellow- - - - -           | .50    |
| Orange Beauty, big orange- - - - -     | 3.00   |
| Peach Glow, rose coral - - - - -       | .75    |
| Port, small red- - - - -               | 1.00   |
| Purple Waters, purple- - - - -         | .50    |
| Painted Lady, blend- - - - -           | 1.50   |
| Persian Princess, dark red - - - - -   | 1.00   |
| Pink Charm, rose - - - - -             | 1.00   |
| Piquante, rose - - - - -               | 1.50   |
| Red Wood, big red- - - - -             | 2.00   |
| Regal Lady, bicolor- - - - -           | 1.50   |
| Rosita, red- - - - -                   | .75    |
| Ruby Supreme, ruby - - - - -           | 1.50   |
| Rajah, red, mahogany - - - - -         | .50    |
| Revolute, lemon yellow - - - - -       | 2.00   |
| Sachem, dark red - - - - -             | .75    |
| Serenade, yellow and pink- - - - -     | .75    |
| Sweet Briar, rose- - - - -             | 1.00   |
| Tejas, bright red- - - - -             | .75    |
| Theron, mahogany red - - - - -         | .75    |
| The Director, wine - - - - -           | 1.00   |
| Vulcan, maroon - - - - -               | .75    |
| Warsaw, red- - - - -                   | 1.00   |
| Winsome, light yellow- - - - -         | .50    |

#### TERMS

All plants are inspected by a state inspector. Plants are true to name, free from disease and insects. All plants are dug fresh.

Terms, cash with order, no order for less than \$3.00. All orders prepaid, usually by parcel post in September. Send money by check or money order. If you send cash it will be at your own risk.

Please order early.

